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Professor J. G. Robertson,  
Department of German,  
University College,  
London.

Dear Professor Robertson:

Professor VannerSmissen has announced that he is resigning the Chair of German at the end of the present academic year, so that now it will be necessary for us to take action, as indeed I told you last summer would be probable for the filling of the chair of German. I do not know yet what we shall do nor what the state will be, though we want to get as soon a man as possible. I know that you are acquainted with our situation, and have kindly promised to give me any information that you may think would be of service.

Last summer you mentioned to me a German Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Stadler, of whom also Professor Fiedler spoke in the highest terms. Do you know anything further about him or his movements, the quality of his work, the type of man that he is? I write to you drawing a bow at a venture because it is only the most general information that I have about him, and it is quite possible that he would not suit us at all.

There are two or three of our own graduates, now holding positions in the United States, whose names we are considering. Several of these have done exceedingly well, and if we could get a man of distinction who knows the situation here it might be an advantage for us, and

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yet we wish to get the most promising man wherever he is to be found.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 17th, 1913

Professor J. G. Robertson,  
University College,  
London, England.

Dear Professor Robertson:

Professor Vander Swiszen who is retiring from the head position in German this spring leaves for England immediately, and expects to be in London during the first week of May. He knows our situation here, and would I think be interested to transmit to me any suggestions that may gather from our friends in Britain as to a proper course of action. He is to be at the Scott Hotel, Portland Place, about the 3rd of May. Any time that is convenient for you to see him I know that he will endeavour to make it convenient for himself.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 18th, 1913

A. L. S. Smith, Esq.,  
Magdalen College,  
Oxford, England.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The name of Dr. Stadler, formerly a Rhodes Scholar of Magdalen College, Oxford, has been given to me as a possible man for the chair of German in the University of Toronto. Everything that I have heard of Dr. Stadler has been favourable, but I should like to know a little more about him as a man, whether he has tact, and would be likely to be a poor lecturer. I do not know any one to whom to write in England, and I am venturing to take the liberty of asking you to let me know as far as is remembered in Magdalen he would be a suitable person.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



April 18th, 1913

Professor J. G. Robertson,  
University College,  
London, England.

Dear Professor Robertson:

It is very kind of you to write me about Dr. Stadler, and your information is just of the kind that I want. I am not sure whether another of our graduates may not suit us, but one would like to know whether Dr. Stadler would be willing to consider such a position, if we thought of offering it to him. Would you suggest to me how I might find out?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 19th, 1913

Professor W. H. Vander Swissem,  
Care Canadian Bank of Commerce,  
2 Lombard Street East,  
London, England.

Dear Professor Vander Swissem:

I have just had word from Professor  
J. E. Robertson about Dr. F. M. P. Stadler, now extra-ordinary professor  
in the University of Brussels. He was a Rhodes Scholar from Germany,  
and Dr. Fiedler, also, of Oxford, spoke very highly of him.  
Would you ask Professor Robertson, and perhaps Professor Fiedler at  
Oxford about him, and if possible, would you try to meet Stadler himself  
at Brussels when you are going to the Continent, and let me know your  
opinion with regard to him?

I hope you will have a pleasant trip across.

Yours sincerely,

President.

May 18th, 1913

Lionel Smith, Esq.,  
Magdalen College,  
Oxford.

Dear Mr. Smith:

On my return from British Columbia I find your letter giving me opinions with regard to Mr. Stadler. I do not need to assure you that I am deeply sensible of your kindness in taking such pains to answer my questions. The opinions are just the kind that I desire and will help me along with some others in coming to a judgment myself. We are in a difficult position, and I am not quite sure what the outcome may be. Again with many thanks,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



June 23rd, 1913

Professor E. Stadler,  
Universite Libre,  
Brussels.

My dear Sir:

I have had a letter from Sir Edmund Walker, the Chairman of our Board of Governors, in which he tells me that he has had the opportunity of having a conversation with you with regard to a vacant position that we have in the University in the Department of German. Sir Edmund told me that you could not consider a permanent position this summer, and that in any case if you were to come to us you would wish to come first for a year in order to see the opportunities that we offer.

The position that at present we wish to fill would probably be an Associate Professorship, the salary of which runs by annual increments of \$100, that is \$20, from \$2100 to \$3000. We might begin the salary at any point between these extremes. I have no doubt that an Associate-Professorship when held by a person of distinction would result before long in a full professorship. We desire to make the position an important one, and to develop German Literature as fully as may be. In the Department of Modern Languages, the Teutonic branch, we had last year 373 students, a fact that will show you the importance we attach to the study of modern languages in this University. When the staff is completed we shall have 4 members teaching German, and I feel confident that the work could be so arranged as to allow you the opportunity of following your particular line

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of German, which I understand is study of literature.

It may be difficult for us to secure temporary supply for the position for next winter, and it would suit us better if we were able to have some occupant of the chair to whom we might reasonably look to remain permanently with us. Perhaps you would be kind enough to let me know as soon as possible whether you would be at all inclined to consider accepting the offer of an Associate Professorship, and if so on what terms, and when it would be possible for you to come ?

I may say that a year ago Professor Fiedler of Oxford and afterwards Professor Robertson of London both mentioned you to me as one whom we should be fortunate to secure if we were to have a vacancy in German.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Toronto, August 13th, 1913.

Professor H. C. Fiedler,  
C/o Earl of Chester,  
Buckingham Palace,  
London, England.

Dear Professor Fiedler, -

In my absence from Toronto your letter was overlooked and at this late date will you allow me to apologise for not having acknowledged your kindness in transmitting Dr. Willoughby's testimonials. They are excellent. I thank you for them. However, I am now in communication with Dr. Stadler, whom you so kindly recommended to me last year, and there is quite a possibility that we may be able to make such arrangements as to induce him to come to us, although I am not sure about the matter.

I congratulate you heartily on the great honour that has been done to you by the King in appointing you as Tutor to the Prince of Wales.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Toronto, August 14th, 1913.

Professor Ernst Stadler,  
Universite Libre,  
Brussels, Belgium.

Dear Professor Stadler,-

I was very glad to get your letter of July 9th, which was forwarded to me where I was spending my holiday. I was hoping to have another conversation with Sir Edmund Haller before writing to you, but he will not return until next week, and I am again to be away for a few weeks. It will be necessary for us to make temporary arrangements for the coming winter and we shall not deal with the filling of the Chair until some months from now. You speak of being willing to come for two or three years in order to test whether you would like the position. If you were to come to us for two years on the higher grade of salary in the Associate Professor's rank, then after that if we were mutually pleased you could be made permanently a full Professor. There are in Toronto great opportunities for work. Our country is new, the students are good, and you would find excellent response to your efforts. Last night I had the pleasure of sitting at dinner with Dr. Renier of the Geological Survey of Belgium, who is attending the International Geological Congress which meets here. I spoke to him about your

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University. Perhaps if you were to call upon Dr. Renier he would give you his impressions as to Toronto, Canada and the University.

I shall be glad to hear from you again, and expect to write to you when I return in the Autumn.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



Professor Ernest Stadler,                      September 4th, 1913  
Sébweiler. Ober Elsass. Kreis Direktion,  
Germany.

Dear Professor Stadler:

On my return to Toronto yesterday at the conclusion of my holiday I found your note of date August 21st, stating that you had not received any reply from me as to your letter. I hope that before this my letter will have reached you, as it was written on the 14th of August, though I sent it to the Université Libre at Brussels. In case however that the letter has not been forwarded I will give you the substance of what I said.

The delay in answering your letter was occasioned mainly by my absence from the city, and by my hope of seeing Sir Edmund Walker before writing you. However, I informed you in the letter that it will be necessary for us to make temporary arrangements for the coming winter, and that we shall not deal with the filling of the chair until some months from now.

You mentioned to me that in any case if you were to come to us at all you would like to take a temporary position at first to test the matter before taking a final step. It seems to me that if you could come to us for two years at the higher grade of salary as Associate-professor, this would be the most suitable temporary arrangement, and if we were mutually pleased, you could then be appointed full professor permanently.

There are in Toronto great opportunities for work. Members of our staff who came to us from Oxford and Cambridge are unanimous

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in their opinion as to the high quality of our students and the response they get in their work. Also, we believe that Canada stands at the opening of an era of great prosperity, and no educational institution in the country affords larger influence than does the University of Toronto.

In my letter I suggested to you that you might refer to Dr. Renier of the Geological Survey of Belgium, who has been in Toronto attending the International Geological Congress. He might give you some information that would help you.

I shall be glad to hear from you at any time. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Gebweiler.Ober Elsass.Kreis Direktion  
September 15.th 1913

Dear Sir Falconer,

Thank you very much for your letter from August 14.th which has been forwarded to me some time ago and your second letter received to-day. The offer which ~~in~~ these letters you kindly make to me as to my futur position at the univervity of Toronto does not quite correspond to what I had imagined. Holding now a full professorship at the university of Brussels, I should have preferred to be equally appointed full professor at once at your university. I understand, however, that you want to distinguish between the two years of my temporary appointment and the donclusive state, and I should therefore prepared to accept your honourable offer in that way that I shall be appointed associate professor with a salary of 3000 ~~S~~ and the prospect of being appointed full professor after two years. The only wish I want to add to this arrangement would be an ~~a~~allowance for removal (as it is customary at all European universities ) in that way that I get o n c e the sum of 250 - 300 ~~S~~ in addition to my salary.

I have been very much pleased by what you tell me about the oppo<sup>k</sup>tunities for work in Toronto and ab~~o~~ut the high quality of your students. I need not assure you that I shall do my best to respond to the trust which you have put in my person by calling me to your university. I shall not fail to refer to Dr. Renier after my return to Brussels in octobre.

With kindest regards

I am  
yours faithfully,

*Just Stables.*



Gebweiler.Ober Elsass.Kreis Direktion

Aug. 21 th. 1913

Dear Sir Falconer,

Having had no reply to the letter which I wrote to you 8 weeks ago, I fear that my letter has been lost. I should be very much obliged to you, if you would kindly inform me about this point.

~~B~~Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours obedient servant

*Ernst Leeder.*

October 10th, 1913

Professor E. Stadler,  
Gebweiler. Ober Elsass. Kreis Direktion.  
Germany. .

Dear Professor Stadler:

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad to know that there is a prospect of your being willing to accept the position of Associate-Professor in the University of Toronto at three thousand dollars a year for two years, on the understanding that if at the end of two years the University and you are mutually agreeable to continue our relationship you would be advanced to the position of full professor.

I suppose that you understand that a good deal of the work done by you would be in English, and that a considerable fluency in the language would be necessary. From what I have learned, however, I judge that you are able to use English very freely in the class room. This of course would come also from practice in your earlier years.

In the course of a month or two I will bring the matter formally before the Board of Governors, and I think I shall have no difficulty in inducing them to act on my nomination. I am afraid, however, that they would not be willing to vote an allowance for removal. This question has been brought up on several occasions, and as we are constantly having professors appointed from Britain and the Continent, the practice has uniformly been not to make any allowance for transfer, but to date the salary from the first of July of the year in which they enter upon their duties. This would mean that if you were appointed next spring, your



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salary would begin on the first of July, but you would not need to be here until the middle of next September.

If there are any further points of detail upon which you wish information, I shall be glad to forward it to you.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 17th, 1913

Professor W. Stadler,  
Universite Libre,  
Brussels, Belgium.

Dear Professor Stadler:

I have been expecting to hear from you for some time but perhaps you did not get my last letter. I should like to be able to report to the Board of Governors in January, if possible, whether we can count upon you coming to us at the opening of the next winter term, September 1914.

I wrote to you that the Governors have made a rule never to pay travelling expenses for a member of the staff who comes from abroad, but they date the salary for the year from the first of July. Your salary would be three thousand dollars a year for the two years, beginning the first of July, 1914. You would have the title of Associate Professor for two years, and at the end of that time you and we would be free, but I hope that you would want to stay and that we should want you to stay, and in that case we should give you the full professorship beginning at three thousand one hundred dollars and running by annual increments up to three thousand six hundred dollars.

I wrote to you that the main work would be conducted in English, but that I assured you had a sufficient command of English to be able to undertake the work next autumn without any inconvenience to yourself. As soon as I hear from you I will bring the matter before the Board of Governors again and endeavour to get the appointment finally settled.

December 17th, 1913

With the compliments of the season,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

1139, Chaussée de Waterloo

Uccle- lez - Bruxelles

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1914

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Dear Sir Falconer,

Many thanks for your letter which I only got after having been returned to Brussels from Germany where I had gone during the Christmas vacation. Will you, therefore, kindly excuse the delay of this answer.

I learn from your letter that the ~~G~~overnors of Toronto University have made a rule not to pay travelling expenses for professors coming from abroad, but that they would ~~date~~ the salary ~~the~~ from the first of July 1914. May I ask, at which date ~~that~~ the salary ~~ends~~, if a professor retires, at the 30, of June or the 30, of Septembre?

As to the rest, I accept the conditions which you kindly propose to me in your letter and if the Board of Governors agrees, I shall feel much pleasure in coming to your University and beginning my lectures next Septembre. I think that my English will be sufficiently good to enable me to deliver my lectures in English language. I ~~shall~~ try to justify the confidence which you put in my person by calling me to your University and I hope that after the two years we shall mutually want to prolong our contract.

With all my best wishes for the New Year and kindest regards

yours obediently,

Justus Steiner



January 20th, 1914

Professor Ernst Stadler,

Getweiler. Ober Elsass, Kreis Direktion.

Dear Professor Stadler:

I wrote you on October 10th to the above address, and on December 17th to the University of Brussels, but as yet have had no answer from you. I should like to be able to report to the Board of Governors in the near future, whether we can count upon you coming to us at the opening of the next winter term, September 1914.

I wrote to you that the Governors have made a rule never to pay travelling expenses for a member of the staff who comes from abroad, but they date the salary for the year from the first of July. Your salary would be three thousand dollars a year for the two years, beginning the first of July, 1914. You would have the title of Associate Professor for two years, and at the end of that time you and we would be free, but I hope that you would want to stay and that we should want you to stay, and in that case we should give you the full professorship beginning at three thousand one hundred dollars and running by annual increments up to three thousand six hundred dollars.

I wrote to you that the main work would be conducted in English, but that I assured you had a sufficient command of English to be able to undertake the work next autumn without any inconvenience to yourself. As soon as I hear from you I will bring the matter before the Board of Governors again and endeavour to get the appointment finally settled.

I am, Yours sincerely,



February 13th, 1914

Dr. E. Stadler,  
1139 Chaussée de Waterloo,  
Uccle-lez-Bruxelles.

Dear Dr. Stadler:

Yesterday afternoon at the Board of Governors I brought forward your name and recommended that you should be appointed Associate-Professor in German in University College, Toronto, for the next two years, at a salary of three thousand dollars a year, the salary to begin on July 1st, 1914, and to terminate on June 30th, 1916. At the end of that period both the Governors and yourself will have an opportunity of reviewing your work and conditions in Toronto, and if, as we all hope will be the case, they are found to be satisfactory, the Governors will appoint you as full professor. If you are in Toronto by the middle of September, 1914, you will have quite time enough to make arrangements for your work at the opening of the session, which takes place on September 29th, 1914. We look forward with much pleasure to your coming to Toronto.

Last week Professor von Dobschütz of Halle spent two days with us. He said that he knew you quite well when he was in Strassburg, and spoke in the kindest terms regarding you. Professor von Dobschütz may possibly be able to give you some information if you desire it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 27th, 1914

Dr. F. Stadler,

Brussels, Belgium.

My dear Dr. Stadler:

I am glad to say that yesterday at the meeting of the Board of Governors you were formally appointed to the position in German, the appointment to take effect on the first of July, 1914.

Would you be kind enough at your early convenience to give me an outline of your academic career and your published works, so that in announcing the appointment to the press I may have full and accurate information to set before the public?

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 13th, 1914

Professor E. Stadler,  
Cebweiler, Alsace,

Kreis Direktion.

Dear Professor Stadler:

I sail from New York on June 16 for Rotterdam intending to be at the University of Groningen at their tercentenary celebrations from June 29 to July 1st. My steamer is the "Noordam". If you were desirous of seeing me perhaps you could come either to Rotterdam or to Groningen or some other place that is convenient. There is no special reason why you should come except that perhaps I might be able to help you in talking over the situation. My address in Groningen is Kraneweg 21<sup>17A</sup>.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

address from June 5th:

Gebweiler, Alsace  
Kreis Direktion

Brussels, Belgium  
May 12th. 1914.

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Sir Hon. W. Falconer,

President of University College

Ionia.

Dear Sir Falconer,

I thank you very much for your kind  
note, telling me that I have been formally  
appointed to the position in Ionia, the  
appointment to take effect on the first of July, 1914.

I have been in Rome, during the  
last vacation, and your letter has not  
been forwarded to me. Will you, therefore,  
kindly excuse this late answer.

I enclose the list of my chief  
publications and an outline of my



academic career.

I think I intend to leave Europe the 3rd or  
4th of September. This will be, I hope, early  
enough to give me the chance of arranging  
all what is necessary for the beginning of  
my work at Toronto.

With kindest regards

Yours most fully.

Ernest Barker.